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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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County Agent and Home
Demonstration Work

513 Millsaps Building
Jackson, Mississippi
January 28, 1931

TO ALL NEGRO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS:

Enclosed herewith is the following material for the Negro 4-H
Club Woods Fire Prevention Campaign:

As subject matter for the Agent himself to aid him in prepar-
ing talks to boys and adults on woods fire protection, one
printed sheet on WOODS FOR FARM USE and one mimeographed sheet
on WHAT CAN WE 4-H MEMBERS DO TO PROTECT OUR WOODS FROM FIRE.

A mimeographed sheet outlining the campaign and contest for
the 4-H boys and containing instructions for the County Agent.

A report form for the County Agent to fill out as soon as the
boys turn in their reports, to be mailed to Club Agent Cypress.

A copy of FORESTRY AND ALLIED LAWS in which the County Agent
will find, on pages 7 and 8, the law on Trespass by Firing
Woods and the law on Firing Woods, which are to be explained
to the Club members.

By express, under separate cover, you will receive your allot-
ment of posters, one for each Club boy. In the same parcel
you will find large envelopes containing the printed forms,
OBSERVATIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF WOOD AND THE DAMAGE DONE BY
WOODS FIRES, to be given out to the Club boys, filled out by
them and returned to you and to be sent to Club Agent Cypress,
as per instructions.

We believe that a complete agricultural program for any Miss-
issippi county should contain some activity in forestry. There
is no better way to start an educational campaign than through
our 4-H boys.

We hope this material will reach you in time for your 4-H
meetings in February. The outlines to be filled in by your
Club members should be given out at this meeting or as soon
as you can give them to your boys and should be filled in
and returned to you at the next following 4-H Club meeting.

We trust that you will do everything possible to make this
campaign a success.

Very truly yours

D. E. Lauderburn

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Extension Forester

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NEGRO 4-H CLUB WOODS FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN - 1931

Purpose: The purpose of this campaign is to instruct our negro Club boys in the importance of forestry and the losses resulting from woods fires.

Contest and Prizes: This campaign is to be in the form of a contest between the negro 4-H Clubs based on the proportion of boys in each Club who do the work planned for them and the quality of reports turned in by the boys. The prizes are offered by the Mississippi Forest Service as follows: 1st prize - \$15; 2nd prize - \$10; 3rd prize - \$5. Any Club with an enrollment of 10 or more is eligible to compete.

Subject Matter Material: Each County Agent will be supplied with the following material:

1. For his own use in preparing to give his boys a talk on forestry, one copy each of two one-page leaflets.
2. A report form for each Club boy.
3. A poster for each Club boy.
4. A report form to be filled out by the County Agent.

Instructions to County Agents: This material will go forward as soon as possible and is to be used at the first 4-H meeting of each Club held after the material is received.

At this meeting the Agent will explain the campaign and contest to the boys. The leaflets will help him to prepare a talk to the boys.

One poster and one of the report forms will be given out to each boy.

Each boy is to take the poster home and tack up the poster in his home. If more than one boy comes from a home the additional posters are to be put up in a neighbor's home or some public place.

Each boy is to take his report form, study it and write out the answers to the questions and turn in the report to his County Agent.

After the boys' reports are in and the County Agent has assured himself that the posters are tacked up, he will fill out the report form provided for him and send in his report and the boys' reports to Club Agent C. G. Cypress, 843 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rose St., Jackson, Miss.

These reports must be sent to Club Agent Cypress not later than April 15, 1931.

Basis of Award: 75 points will be allowed on the percentage of Club members in each Club turning in reports; 15 points on the percentage of Club members putting up the posters given them; 10 points on the neatness and the quality of the text of the reports. The prizes will be delivered to the winning clubs through the County Agent not later than July 1, 1931.

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NEGRO 4-H CLUB WORK WITH PREVENTION CAMPAIGN - 1931

Purpose: The purpose of this campaign is to instruct our negro club boys in the importance of forestry and the losses resulting from woods fires.

Program and Prizes: This campaign is to be in the form of a contest between the negro 4-H clubs based on the proportion of boys in each club who do the work planned for them and the quality of reports turned in by the boys. The prizes are offered by the Mississippi Forestry Service as follows: 1st prize - \$10; 2nd prize - \$5; 3rd prize - \$2.50. Any club with an enrollment of 10 or more is eligible for prizes.

Subject Matter: Each County Agent will be supplied with the following material:

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Each boy is to take his report form, study it and write out the answers to the questions and turn in the report to his County Agent.

After the boys' reports are in and the County Agent has assessed them, he will check up on the posters and will fill out the report form provided for him and send in his report and the boys' reports to the Agent C. G. Cypress, 8455 Ross St., Jackson, Miss.

These reports must be sent to the Agent Cypress not later than April 15, 1931.

Prizes of Award: 75 points will be allowed on the percentage of club members in each club turning in reports; 10 points on the percentage of club members putting up the posters gives them 10 points on the campaign and the quality of the reports. The prizes will be delivered to the winning clubs through the County Agent not later than July 1, 1931.

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Observations on the Importance of Wood And The Damage Done by Woods Fires

Name of Club Member _____ Age _____

Name of School _____ County _____

1. Name 10 articles around the house or farm made entirely or partly of wood.

2. Name 10 articles around the house or farm that are made entirely of something else besides wood.

3. Which question was easier to answer, 1 or 2? _____

4. How many of your family earn money by logging, hauling wood, saw mill work or other work where trees are used? _____

About how much cash money does this bring in during the year? _____

5. About how many cords of wood does your family use during the year for cooking and heating?

6. Do you think you could get along very well without wood? _____

Why? _____

7. Answer the following questions about some burned-over woodlands that you have seen:

A. What was the effect on the little trees less than four feet tall?

- B. How do you think fire affected the rate of growth of the big trees and the quality of the lumber in them?

- C. What effect did burning the grass and leaves and decaying vegetation have in reducing the soil fertility, reducing the ability of the soil to hold water, increasing the chance of the soil washing away and destroying good pasture plants?

- D. What effect did the fire have in destroying the nesting and hiding places of birds, rabbits and other animals? Do you think these creatures go back immediately to burned-over woods or do they stay away till the woods are green again?

- E. What should you and everybody do about forest and grass fires?

- F. What punishment does the law of Mississippi impose on persons who are convicted of setting fire on the land of another?

8. What do you think of the idea of using crooked, decayed, or otherwise poor trees for stove and fire-place wood and letting the good trees grow till they are big enough to furnish lumber, poles, posts or other things that can be sold or used at home?